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For: AWAKENING LEVEL ESTIMATION APPARATUS FOR A VEHICLE  
AND METHOD THEREOF

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It is respectfully requested that the listed references be considered by the Examiner and formally made of record in this application.

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		European Search Report dated December 28, 2004.

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